



Title: **Student Assistance Program**

Code: 238

Book: Policy Manual

Section: 200 Pupils

Purpose

The Board is committed to assisting all students to achieve to their fullest potential.

Definition

Student Assistance Program (SAP) - a systematic process using effective and accountable professional techniques to mobilize school resources to remove the barriers to learning and, when the problem is beyond the scope of the school, to assist the parent/guardian and student with information so they may access services within the community. [\[1\]](#)

Authority

The Board shall provide a Student Assistance Program (SAP) that assists district employees in identifying issues and providing assistance to students experiencing difficulties in learning and academic achievement. [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement and monitor a Student Assistance Program (SAP) that complies with state regulations.

Guidelines

The Student Assistance Program (SAP) shall provide assistance in:

1. Identifying issues that pose a barrier to a student's learning and/or academic achievement.
2. Determining whether or not the identified problem lies within the responsibility of the school.
3. Informing the parent/guardian of a problem affecting the student's learning and/or academic achievement.
4. Making recommendations to assist the student and the parent/guardian.
5. Providing information on community resources and options to deal with the problem.
6. Establishing links with resources to help resolve the problem.
7. Collaborating with the parent/guardian and agency when students are involved in treatment through a community agency.
8. Providing a plan for in-school support services for the student during and after treatment.

Adopted: **January 16, 2007**

Legal References:

- [1. 22 PA Code 12.16](#)
- [2. 22 PA Code 12.42](#)
- [20 U.S.C. 1232g](#)
- [22 PA Code 12.41](#)
- [34 CFR Part 98](#)
- [34 CFR Part 99](#)
- [42 Pa. C.S.A. 8337](#)
